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1. The troops stationed in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne in Rathenow were alerted on 17 and 18 June. Motor vehicles of the 25th RL Brigade were observed. Between 800 and 1,000 soldiers wearing red bordered black epaulets were alerted at the Ziethen Kaserne on 17 June. They had evidently arrived from Altengrabow on sixty trucks of the IV Artillery Corps. Troops wearing black bordered black epaulets were encamped northwest and west of Rathenow.  they belonged to the 2nd Guards Mechanized Army. Poles and cables were shipped from both railroad stations.

2. On the morning of 21 June, about 125 T-34 tanks and 20 armored scout cars were observed east and north of the Karlshorst restricted area. Fifty tanks were observed at the party house on Pieckstrasse, which was occupied by the Soviets, and in the streets nearby. The police headquarters on Koenigstrasse was cordoned off by five rows of blue uniformed VP sentries. The Schlesischer Bahnhof was occupied by KVP.

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3. On 21 June, 10 T-34 tanks, which [redacted]  
to the 12th Guards Tank Division, were seen in Hennigsdorf.

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that the death toll in East Berlin on 17 June was 378.

5. On 22 June, 20 tanks, which had allegedly come from Wuensdorf, were seen in  
the area of Berlin-Pankow and Niederschoenhausen. These tanks, as well as  
many others seen in this area, probably belonged to the 12th Guards Tank  
Division.

6. During the night of 16 June about 300 tanks left Neuruppin for Berlin, via  
Herzberg. Only a few Soviet soldiers with one gun and one tank remained at  
the Hennigsdorf Stahl-und Walzwerk on 20 June. Work had been resumed there  
on that date. Prior to 22 June 200 persons had been arrested at the plant.

7. Railroad traffic on the Schwerin-Nauen line had returned to normal on 21 June.  
Passports were checked by three VP's per car.

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